

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when a few large companies control the airwaves, we get company political agendas and less of what the public needs for our communities. Instead of tube fed corporate news produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and substantive news that really reflects current issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve real public scrutiny of a broadcasters public accountability. Thank you, Vern